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## STAFFORD.

Amusing incidents of the Election. Other Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Stafford C. H., Va., June 3, 1899.

Mr. L. L. Coghill, of Smith & Coghill of the Burg, paid the Courthouse a visit last week.

Several ludicrous things have come to light since the election. One of our esteemed vessel captains, whose boat plies the waters of the broad Potomac and its tributaries, went to ye ancient borough of Aquia, now called Griffin, to deposit his ballot for the candidates of his choice, and after performing that duty much to his satisfaction, being thirsty he applied to one of the candidates present for "a drink." He was informed that the candidate had none, but was invited to a barrel of lemonade with directions to drink a bucket full if he saw fit. He picked up the bucket, lifted it to his mouth (which, by the way, is covered with whiskers, which would make ex-Senator Peffer blush with envy) and proceeded to imbibe, when an American citizen, of African descent, not having the fear of the law before his eyes, lifted his foot and smote that bucket to such an extent as to overthrow our captain with lemonade from track to keelson, and immediately left for parts unknown, hotly pursued by our friend, who shortly returned, after an unsuccessful gun hunt, and after picking the lemon skins and seed out of his whiskers, went home to dry out in a very sour frame.

One of our O. H. friends was very active in posting cards, written by himself, for months before the election and up to that day. The day after the election, finding his fondness hopes blasted, by the withering frost of defeat, he immediately posted the following card beneath one of the old ones: "Farm for sale or rent." Apply to

Your correspondent was informed about three weeks before election, that one of the candidates for Overseer of the Poor, in Aquia district, had withdrawn. Upon enquiring it developed that the reason of his withdrawal was due to the fact that another candidate had announced himself the week before and had in that time told so many things on the first candidate, that he could not explain them in the three weeks running, and was perforce compelled to back out.

There never was an election in this county before in which there was such sharp divisions—brother against brother, wives against husbands, husbands against wives, seemed to be the order of the day, but thanks to the sterling common sense of the American people, it ends at the polls, and matters assume their normal condition again. This alone is the subject of wonder to all foreign people.

Mr. H. G. Chesley, treasurer, passed here today on a trip to Onville, in this county.

W. J. Jacobs, Esq., chairman of the Democratic committee, paid us two visits this week.

Fine rains have fallen here within the past few days, which have proven a great blessing to growing crops.

It is rumored here that in the event of a Republican census supervisor being appointed for the Eighth Congressional District, a certain gentleman who has been nicknamed "Bones," on account of his lack of flesh, will receive the endorsement as enumerator for the Second district of this county.

Scribbler.

## Ruining the Palisades.

The Philadelphia North American says: "It is a great pity that the destruction of the Palisades of the Hudson River, now going on at a rapid pace, cannot be stopped before this majestic formation has been blotted out forever."

The hand of the vandal fell ruthlessly on Tuesday, when 200,000 tons of rock were blasted from the Palisades about a mile above Fort Lee, carrying away the promontory known to every traveler who has visited that section as Washington's Head. Seventy-five hundred pounds of dynamite were used to accomplish the work, and the end in view was the displacement of the rock for building purposes.

The Palisades Commission, which has undertaken the work of preserving this wonderful formation, which all the world has admired, has a hard task ahead, and it must act quickly and with the hearty co-operation of all lovers of the beauties of nature if the Palisades are not to be forever lost to us."

## King George

At King George's court Thursday the following was the business transacted in court:

The grand jury found a true bill for felony against Robert Taylor, colored.

Application of F. F. Nims, for change of public road, dismissed at request of applicant.

Case of Commonwealth vs. Philip Pennington, on appeal from the decision of a magistrate, continued.

V. A. Dishman, road contractor of Shiloh district, ordered to have bridges at King's Mill repaired.

T. H. Ryan, Ogle Taylor and Henry Coghill appointed to inspect the Clerk's Office.

Willis Charles, Charles Minor, John Payne and Pittman Green relieved of payment of capitation tax.

The following officers, elected at the recent election, qualified:

Sheriff—W. N. Hollis.

Treasurer—F. F. Nims.

Commonwealth's Attorney—W. A. Rose.

Clerk—E. L. Hunter.

Deputy Sheriff—R. U. Owens.

Superintendent of Poor—R. V. Suttle.

Overseers of Poor—Geo. A. Clifton, Rappahannock district; R. L. Gouldman, Shiloh district; Charles Sorrell, Potomac district.

Supervisors—Hosea Rogers, Shiloh district; Allen Smith, Rappahannock district.

Commissioner of Revenue—J. A. Pallen.

Constables—W. B. Marmaduke, Rappahannock district; M. S. Welch, Shiloh district; J. B. King, Shiloh district.

Justices—J. S. Massey, Rappahannock district; S. M. Welch, Shiloh district; Daniel McDaniel, Rappahannock district.

LIST OF WRITINGS.

The following is a list of all writings admitted to record since last court:

Deed for land from Patsy Owens to Mary Susan Owens, et al.

Deed for land from Chas. W. Burrock to Alice M. Mothershead.

Bill of sale from R. P. Quisenberry to W. H. Suttle.

Deed for land from Silas Staples and wife to Lawson Turley.

Deed for land from Peter Cunningham and wife to Edward Frazer and others, trustees of the Peace and Light Society, No. 2.

Deed for land from C. H. Ashton, special commissioner, to J. B. T. Thornton, trustee.

Deed of trust on real estate from Bassett Dumbrey and wife to John T. Wilkins and others, trustees.

Deed for land from George T. Grymes and wife to Henry Davis.

Deed of trust on real estate from Henry Davis to John T. Wilkins and others, trustees.

Deed of trust on real estate from A. T. Embrey, trustee, in case of "Jenkins vs. Jenkins," to E. M. Chichester, trustee.

Deed of trust on real estate from Allen Grymes and wife and others to G. W. Tennent, trustee.

Deed for land from F. W. Payne and wife and others to Henry F. W. Achter Kerchen.

Deed for land from Reuben Jenkins and wife to Joshua Coates.

\$100 Reward. \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires constitutional treatment. It is cured directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the cause of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up his work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer their name and money for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. LECHE & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, etc.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

## VIRGINIA MILITARY WARRANTS

Must be Presented for Payment Before the Third of March, 1900

The Secretary of the Interior is preparing to give notice to the holders or owners of outstanding military war warrants, issued by the State of Virginia for military services during the Revolutionary War, of the action of Congress, at the session, limiting the payment of the warrants to the next twelve months.

A large number of these warrants were issued to soldiers and seamen, and the national government assumed their payment by agreeing to exchange public land scrip for them at the rate of \$1.25 per acre. Many have been presented in past years, but there is still an indefinite number outstanding. Under the terms of the new law, if they are presented to the Secretary before the 3d of March, 1900, land scrip will be given for them. If not presented within that time, they will be considered canceled.

## Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich. tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she was wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

## APPEAL OF A UNION VETERAN

Arrested by the Russian Government and Imprisoned Without Cause.

The President has been appealed to by Adolph Lipszyc, a veteran of the civil war, to interfere for him with the Russian government and obtain a pardon for him. The appeal was made to the President on Decoration day by Lipszyc, who bears many wounds and was breveted in 1861 a first lieutenant for gallant services in the Union army.

The petition sets forth a state of facts illustrative of the extreme position taken by the Russian government in its treatment of such of its citizens as become American citizens. The petitioner recites that he came to the United States from Russia in 1858, served in the civil war and was afterward a clerk in the executive department in Washington. In 1886 he went to Russia to obtain his father's estate. He was arrested, his passport and pension certificate taken from him and he was tried and convicted, not of any offense committed in Russia, but on the charge that he had become an American citizen without the consent of the Russian government.

Secretary of State Bayard and United States Minister Lothrop maintained that this was in violation of treaty stipulations and that the United States would never consent to recognize the right of a nation to deprive a naturalized citizen of his rights.

Notwithstanding this declaration, nothing came of the protest, and the Russian government banished Lipszyc and deprived him of his property rights. The petitioner recites that he thinks this an auspicious time—during the disarmament congress—to obtain a pardon and thereby obtain his portion of this property.

## CUBA AND PORTO RICO

Circular of Instructions to Diplomats and Consular Officers.

The Secretary of State has issued a circular letter of instructions to United States diplomatic and consular officers in regard to the status of the native inhabitants of Cuba and Porto Rico, in which circular he says in part:

"While the native inhabitants of Cuba have effectively ceased to be the subjects of Spain, they have not acquired a distinct status either independent or dependent upon the United States as custodian of the territory. They are not citizens of the United States, nor can any scheme of provisional registration be adopted with a view to such a contingency. They may, however, during the interregnum, when temporarily sojourning in a foreign country, be protected through the exercise of good offices by the representatives of the United States in case of need, upon due establishment of their nationality, and of their merely temporary absence from Cuba and intention to return to and permanently reside in that island."

"As to the status of the native inhabitants of Porto Rico and the islands adjacent thereto which have been ceded to the United States, the Congress has not yet legislated with regard to their civil and political rights, so that even as respects the native inhabitants residing in that island there is no present formality or procedure provided for the attestation of their citizenship. But in the interim every bona fide citizen of the ceded islands is entitled to the protection of the United States as against every foreign government."

"Under these circumstances the diplomatic and consular officers of the United States in foreign countries are authorized to register in their legations and consulates as such the names of native inhabitants of Cuba and Porto Rico who may be temporarily sojourning within their jurisdiction and to exercise good offices for the protection of such native Cubans and Porto Ricans as may seek it for some well established cause."

"They will give official protection to native Porto Ricans so registered in all matters where a citizen of the United States similarly situated would be entitled thereto, being careful to have it appear that they are protected as native inhabitants of Porto Rico and not as citizens of the United States."

Attention is directed to the fact that the treaty of peace with Spain provides that Spanish subjects, natives of the peninsula, who remain in the relinquished territory, may preserve their allegiance to the Spanish crown by making a declaration of such intention before a court of record within a year after the exchange of ratifications of the treaty.

Referring again to Porto Rico, the circular says:

"Actual residence within the ceded territory at the time of the cession and during one year thereafter is, under the treaty, required to establish the adoption of the nationality in such ceded territory."

The issuance of any paper having constructively the effect of a passport is prohibited, but diplomatic and consular officers are authorized to issue passports in the nature of proofs of nativity.

## NICARAGUA CANAL

An Abstract of the Report of the Walker Commission.

The State Department has made public an official abstract of the report of the Nicaragua canal commission as presented by Admiral Walker, the head of the commission, as follows:

The commission understood that it was required to consider all routes heretofore proposed having any merit, that new routes that appeared to have merit should be developed, and the entire region of canal possibilities should be examined with sufficient thoroughness to enable a just and comprehensive comparison of the various routes to be made and the most desirable one selected.

With this view the commission made a careful study of all data bearing upon the Nicaragua canal question and organized a large force.

Much delay to the work and great annoyance to working parties was caused by attempts at revolution and by the strained relations between the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The outbreak of the war between the United States and Spain was also a serious matter.

The report goes into minute details in respect to all questions connected with the construction of the canal, and says after mature deliberation the commission has adopted and estimated for the route from Brito to Lake Nicaragua, called Childs' route, and from the lake to Greytown, called Lull route. This line, leaving Brito, follows the left bank of the Rio Grande to near Buena Retiro, crosses the western divide to the valley of the Lajas, which it follows to Lake Nicaragua. Crossing the lake to the head of San Juan river it follows the upper river to near Boca, San Carlos, thence, in excavation by the left bank of the river to the San Juanillo and crosses the low country to Greytown, passing to the northward of Lake Silico. It requires but a single dam with regulating works at both ends of the summit level. The surveys have in general revealed better physical conditions than was hitherto supposed to exist, especially as to the amount of rock in the upper river, whereby it is possible to greatly reduce the estimated cost of construction.

To determine the proper unit prices for excavation the average of prices actually paid to contractors on the Chicago drainage canal, which represent cost of plant, prices paid for work done and contractors' profits were taken. To these prices certain percentages were added for the difference of location, climate, etc.

In obtaining the estimates for the cost of docks the prices actually paid for building the government locks at Sault Ste. Marie were taken and 33 per cent was added for the difference of location.

After giving due weight to all the elements of this important question and with an earnest desire to reach logical conclusions, based upon substantial facts, the commission believes that a canal can be built across the isthmus on this route for not exceeding \$118,112,790.

Colonel Hains concurs generally with the views of the other members of the commission, but his estimate of the cost is \$134,818,305."

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SUMMER ARRANGEMENT, 1899

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On and after Friday, March 10th, steamers Richmond, Westmoreland and Essex will leave Pier 2, Light Street, Baltimore, every Tuesday and Friday at 4:30 p. m., for Fredericksburg and all wharves on the river. Returning, will leave Fredericksburg at 2:30 p. m. (tide permitting), Monday, and Thursday, leaving at 4:30 a. m., Tuesday and Friday for Baltimore.

Leave Baltimore Wednesday, at 4:30 p. m., for Norfolk and all wharves below, except Bay Port, Millenlock and Merry Point. Returning will leave Tappanhook at 9 a. m., Thursday, for Tappanhook and all wharves below, except Bay Port, Millenlock and Merry Point. Returning will leave Tappanhook at 9 a. m., Monday, for Baltimore.

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